

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2006 – 7:00 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM & AUDITORIUM
62 CAPRON STREET, UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER, S.S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN, IN SAID COUNTY;

GREETINGS:

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, YOU ARE DIRECTED TO NOTIFY THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF UXBRIDGE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN THE TOWN ELECTIONS AND IN TOWN AFFAIRS, TO MEET AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, IN PRECINCT 2, IN SAID UXBRIDGE, ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES TO WIT:

ARTICLE 1: REPORTS

To hear the report of any outstanding committee and act thereon.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2: COMPENSATING BALANCE AGREEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements pursuant to GLc.44, §53F, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

ARTICLE 3: PRIOR YEAR BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds such sums as required to pay prior fiscal year's bill(s), or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

ARTICLE 4: FY06 INTER/INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to balance certain line items within the FY06 budget approved under Article 4 of the May 10, 2005, Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

ARTICLE 5: APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT(S)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund salary increases and other cost-items resulting from potential contract settlements with union personnel, or take any other action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

ARTICLE 6: APPROPRIATIONS FOR COMPENSATION PLAN FOR NONCONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund non-union personnel salary increases, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

ARTICLE 7: TOWN BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to fix compensation of all elected officials of the town, provide for a reserve fund, determine sums to be raised and appropriated, including those from available funds, in order to defray expenses including debt and interest for fiscal year 2007 (FY07) – approve the budget, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

ARTICLE 8: TAX RECAP ADJUSTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$154,312.50 out of stabilization to offset the FY2007 tax rate.

SPONSOR: Assessor

ARTICLE 9: SEWER DEPARTMENT BUDGET (ENTERPRISE FUND)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the salaries, expenses and debt service of the Sewer Department Enterprise Fund for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset by revenues of the Sewer Department Enterprise Fund received during fiscal year 2007. Said sum to be spent under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Works, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 10: WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET (ENTERPRISE FUND)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the salaries, expenses and debt service of the Water Department Enterprise Fund for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset by revenues of the Water Department Enterprise Fund received during fiscal year 2007. Said sum to be spent under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Works, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 11: AMBULANCE DIVISION BUDGET (ENTERPRISE FUND)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the salaries and expenses of the Ambulance Division Enterprise Fund for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset by revenues of the Ambulance Division received during fiscal year 2007. Said sum to be spent under the direction of the Fire Chief, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

ARTICLE 12: CABLE ACCESS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money for the salaries and expenses of the Cable PEG Access for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset by Cable PEG Access "Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account", or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

ARTICLE 13: REVOLVING FUND ACCOUNTS

To see if the Town will vote to establish and authorize GLc.44, §53e ½ revolving funds for the continuation of: recycling programs not to exceed \$2,000 derived from disposal fees, under the Board of Health; Library book repairs not to exceed \$6,000 derived from late fines and fees, under the Library Trustees; Permit processing-tracking not to exceed \$15,000 derived from permitting fees, under the Town Manager; or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

ARTICLE 14: JOINT RECYCLING PROGRAM WITH TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money to fund a joint FY07 recycling program with the Town of Blackstone, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Health

ARTICLE 15: ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS (TABULAR RENDITION)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section X, AREA REGULATIONS, of the Town of Uxbridge Zoning By-laws by replacing the current paragraphs a.1 through a.6 of SECTION X with the following tabular rendition of said paragraphs for the purpose of clarification only:

a.1 LOT SIZES AND FRONTAGES: No dwelling shall be erected or maintained except on a lot the frontage and areas of which shall be as hereinafter set forth, and only one dwelling and private garage shall be erected or maintained on each of such lots in the Residence Zones.

	FRONTAGE		AREA
	Interior Lot	Corner Lot	
1. Residence A	125 feet	140 feet	20,000 square feet
2. Residence B	185 feet	200 feet	43,560 square feet
3. Residence C	200 feet	200 feet	43,560 square feet
4. Agricultural	300 feet	300 feet*	87,120 square feet
5. Business	125 feet	140 feet	15,000 square feet
6. Industrial	175 feet	200 feet	30,000 square feet
* On both streets			

And by renumbering existing paragraph a.7 as a.2; or take any other action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Planning Board

ARTICLE 16: AMEND ZONING BYLAWS TO RE-ZONE PARCELS TO BUSINESS

To see if the Town of Uxbridge will vote to re-zone the following parcels to Business. Map – 22 Parcel – 3283, Map – 23 Parcel – 3522, Map – 23 Parcel – 3616, Map – 23 Parcel – 3642, Map – 23 Parcel - 3646, Map – 23 Parcel - 3651, Map – 23 Parcel - 3628, Map – 23 Parcel – 3634, Map – 23 Parcel – 3635, Map – 23 Parcel - 2895, Map – 23 Parcel – 3725, Map – 23 Parcel – 3724, Map – 23 Parcel – 3743, Map – 23 Parcel – 3745, Map – 23 Parcel – 3665, Map – 23 Parcel – 4424, Map – 23 Parcel – 4364. The parcels are on both sides of Douglas Street (Route 16) between the Connecticut River Power Transmission Lines and the easterly side of Route 146.

SPONSOR: By Petition

ARTICLE 17: AMEND ZONING MAP TO RE-ZONE TO PARCELS TO BUSINESS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Uxbridge Zoning Map by rezoning the following parcels in their entirety to BUSINESS: Map #51: parcel 2881/6.58 acres; parcel 2768/32,694 S.F; parcel 2841/2.28 acres; parcel 2843/15,920 S.F.; parcel 2755/2.38 acres. Now zoned as a split BUSINESS and AGRICULTURAL zone for each lot, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: By Petition

ARTICLE 18: RENUMBERING/REVISION OF TOWN BYLAWS

To see if the Town shall accept the renumbering and revision of the various bylaws of the Town to the numbering or codification, arrangement, sequence and captions and the comprehensive revisions to the text of the General Bylaws as set forth in the Final Draft of the Code of the Town of Uxbridge, dated January 2006, said codification having been done under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, Special Bylaw Review Committee and Town Counsel, and said Code being a compilation and comprehensive revision of the present bylaws of the Town. A copy of this final draft is available for view in the offices of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Manager. All bylaws of a general and permanent nature, as amended, heretofore in force and not included in the Code shall be repealed, except for those adopted and/or amended after the effective date of this Recodification contract, and except that such

repeal shall not affect any suit or proceeding pending as the result of an existing law, and such repeal shall not apply to or affect any personnel bylaw or any bylaw, order or article heretofore adopted accepting or adopting the provisions of any statute of the Commonwealth. These bylaws shall be referred to as "Division 1, General Bylaws" of the republished Charter, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Bylaw Review Committee

ARTICLE 19: RENUMBERING/REVISION OF TOWN ZONING BYLAWS

To see if the Town shall accept the renumbering and revision of the Zoning Bylaws of the Town from their original numbering to the numbering or codification, arrangement, sequence and captions and the comprehensive revisions to the text of the Zoning Bylaws as set forth in the Final Draft of the Code of the Town of Uxbridge, dated January 2006, said codification of the Zoning Bylaws having been done under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and Special Bylaw Review Committee, and being a compilation and comprehensive revision of the present Zoning Bylaws, including amendments thereto. A copy of this final draft is available for view in the offices of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Manager. All Zoning Bylaws, as amended, heretofore in force shall be repealed, except for those adopted and/or amended after the effective date of this Recodification contract, and except that such repeal shall not affect any suit or proceeding pending as the result of an existing law, nor Zoning Map changes previously enacted. The Zoning Bylaws shall be codified as "Division 2, Zoning Bylaws" of the republished Charter, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Bylaw Review Committee

ARTICLE 20: CAPITAL PLANNING BYLAW

To see if the Town will adopt the following Capital Planning bylaw, consistent with and authorized by Chapter 81 of the Acts of 2002 and the requirements of Article 6, Section 8, and Article 8, Section 5 of the Uxbridge Charter, pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

CAPITAL PLANNING

Subsection A. Capital Planning Committee – As authorized under Chapter 81 of the Acts of 2002, the Town of Uxbridge hereby changes the composition of the Capital Planning Committee created thereunder, as follows: The committee shall consist of an odd number of citizens of Uxbridge, not less than five (5), who shall be voting members, appointed by the Town Manager. The Town Manager and the Town Treasurer shall be participating, but non-voting members. The Town Manager shall establish the terms of all appointments, not to exceed three (3) years. As further authorized under Chapter 81 of the Acts of 2002, the town may change the composition of this committee by majority vote at any annual or special town meeting.

The Capital Planning Committee shall recommend, to the Town, policies relative to the funding of capital projects through appropriations from the Capital Improvement Trust Fund or other funds available to the Town, and shall annually recommend priorities and schedules for such capital projects.

Subsection B. Capital Improvement Plan – The capital planning committee shall make timely reports, at least annually, to the Town Manager. The Annual Report to the Town Manager shall be at such time as the Town Manager directs, consistent with other reporting requirements established by the Town Charter, and shall include at least:

1. a clear and concise general summary of its contents
2. a list of all capital improvements and/or purchases proposed to be undertaken during the next ensuing five (5) fiscal years, with supporting information as to the need for each capital improvement and/or capital purchase.
3. cost estimates, methods of financing and recommended time schedules for each improvement and/or capital purchase; and,
4. the estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining each facility and piece of major equipment involved in the improvement and/or capital purchase.
5. such other information as shall be required by the Town Manager and/or policies set by the Board of Selectmen.

This Annual Report shall be included in the Annual Report of the Town.

The Town Manager shall annually, on or before January 30, submit to the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee an updated capital improvement program based on: (1) the aforementioned Annual Report of the Capital Planning Committee, and (2) the status of capital improvements and/or purchases still pending or in process of being acquired, improved or constructed.

SPONSOR: Bylaw Review Committee

ARTICLE 21: APPROPRIATION TO UPDATE TOWN ZONING MAP

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, transfer or otherwise provide a sum of money to update the zoning map of the Town of Uxbridge to reflect corrections, and changes since the last zoning map approved in 1984, and all approved overlay districts. Said sum to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Bylaw Review Committee

ARTICLE 22: AMENDMENT TO GENERAL BYLAWS

To see if the Town will vote to add General By Law 32 that defines the word SHALL in the General By Laws and the Home Rule Charter of the Town of Uxbridge to mean the same as the word SHALL in Section II of the Zoning By Laws of the Town of Uxbridge. The word "SHALL" is obligatory.

SPONSOR: By Petition

ARTICLE 23: COMMUNITY VISION STATEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to endorse as a community vision statement, the following: "We believe that our community must strive to create an environment that fosters a cooperative spirit dedicated to: earning a reputation as a welcoming, caring and united community; maintaining and enhancing our quality of life; protecting and preserving our open space, historic buildings and property; preparing our citizens for the 21st Century through education and training; improving work opportunities through a diversified economic environment.", or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Uxbridge's Future Committee

ARTICLE 24: APPROPRIATION FROM AMBULANCE ENTERPRISE FUND TO PURCHASE NEW AMBULANCE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Ambulance Enterprise Account (#602.231.3015.0.0000.0.0.0000.000) to the Ambulance Expense Account (#602.231.5853.8.0001.0.0.0000.000) for the purpose of replacing the 2004 Ford Ambulance. Said sum to be spent under the direction of the Fire Chief, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Fire Chief

ARTICLE 25: TRANSFER FROM SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND RETAINED EARNINGS FOR FY06 FOR MISC. SEWER EXPENDITURES

To see if the Town will transfer from the Sewer Division Enterprise Fund FY06 Retained Earnings to the Sewer Division Expense Account a sum or sums of money for the purpose of funding FY06 expenditures, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: DPW Assistant Superintendent

ARTICLE 26: TRANSFER FROM WATER ENTERPRISE FUND RETAINED EARNINGS FOR FY06 WATER DEPT. TANK DESIGN

To see if the Town will transfer from the Water Division Enterprise Fund FY06 Retained Earnings to the Water Division Special Tank Design Account #303.450.5302.8.0000 a sum of \$250,000 for the purpose of designing a new 1.5 million gallon low service water tank on High Street, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: DPW Assistant Superintendent

ARTICLE 27: TRANSFER FROM WATER ENTERPRISE FUND RETAINED EARNINGS FOR FY06 CLEAN-UP OF FORMER ROSENFELD PROPERTY

To see if the Town will transfer from the Water Division Enterprise Fund FY06 Retained Earnings to the Water Division Special Future Wellfield Account #650.450.5431.5.0011 a sum or sums of money for the purpose of demolishing existing structures and associated cleanup of the former Rosenfeld property, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: DPW Assistant Superintendent

ARTICLE 28: APPROPRIATION TO FUND GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL BUILDING RENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to pay FY07 annual rent and associated costs for utilities in the Good Shepherd School Building.

SPONSOR: School Committee

ARTICLE 29: TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum or sums, including so called Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund Account, or take any action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, one at the Uxbridge Post Office, one at the North Uxbridge Post Office and one at the Linwood Post Office, at least fourteen (14) days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this _____ day of _____, in the year 2006.

Uxbridge Board of Selectmen:

Harry Romasco, Chair

Arthur DuBois, Vice Chair

Kevin Kuros, Clerk

James Dwyer, Sel.

Julie Woods, Sel.

A True Copy – Attest:

Constable, Town of Uxbridge

Date